

**REMARKS**

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Meyer et al. (Published U.S. Application 2005/0091268).

The present invention is directed to a method for managing contents data stored in a database. For example, the present invention may be applicable to a portable audio device containing a database of audio files. (i.e. an MP3 player) Contents processing data is provided in a cache for managing the contents data in the database. A feature of the invention, is to synch the contents processing data with the contents data in the database when there is a change in the contents data. As shown in Figure 1, the database file FL1 reflects the contents data stored in a HDD, while the data for hdcc processing FL2 stored in cache reflects the contents processing data. The recited "first registration means" registers the data in the database file FL1 (Step S401) while the "second registration means" register and synchronizes the contents processing data FL2 (Steps S402, S403), as shown in Figure 8.

Meyer is directed to a method for controlling access to registered media content. However, Meyer does not disclose synchronizing contents processing data stored in a cache when there is a change to the contents data stored in a database. Hence, Meyer fails to meet the "second registration means" limitations recited in the present claims. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Meyer fails to anticipate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

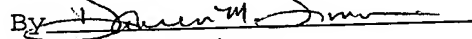
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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